

MINUTES

California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: November 17, 2005
Time: 9:30–11:30 am
Location: Resources Agency, 15th floor, Room 1506–12
Lead: Kathleen Strickley
Note taker: Kay Antunez
Facilitator: Zori Lozano-Friedrich



In Attendance

Annie Kohut Frankel, California Coastal Commission
Zori Lozano-Friedrich, State Water Resources Control Board
Kay Antunez, Department of Forestry & Fire Protection
Nita Davidson, Department of Pesticide Regulation
Tom Mays, State Water Resources Control Board
Kathy Strickley, Department of Conservation
Tina Muncie, Department of Conservation
Pauline Lawrence, California Integrated Waste Management Board
Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources
Celeste Royer (for CDE), California Regional Environmental Education Community (phone)
Laurie Monserrat, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (phone)
Sue Sims, Department of Water Resources (representing the Resources Agency) (phone)
Vanessa Byrd, Department of Toxics Substances Control
Ed Wong, Air Resources Board
Susan Knadle, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (phone)

AGENDA

	Item	Lead	Minutes
1.	Check-in and Catch-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome & Introductions• Review Agenda• Approve Minutes• Review Status of Action Items	Kathy and Zori	Agenda, October minutes, and action items distributed. Minutes approved as written. Action items reviewed.
2.	Guest Speaker Go Green Initiative	Jill Buck	Jill Buck, Executive Director of the “Go Green Initiative” program, provided CEEIN members with an update. Go Green is now in 13 states. Information about this program can be found on their website: www.GoGreenInitiative.org This program is school based and seeks to involve students in protecting children’s health through environmental stewardship. A primary focus is developing school recycling and waste reduction– although each school sets its own priorities/goals. The 2006 Earth Summit will take place March 30 to April 1 in Pleasanton, CA. In 2005, the GGI Summit was attended by 500 participants. Contact Jill at: executivedirector@gogreeninitiative.org or (925) 931-0386.
3.	Committee Reports & Discussion Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEEIN Accomplishment report• CEEIN brochures	Tom Carolyn	Tom reported that the committee has moved forward on the Accomplishment report. They plan to spend “less time on the format and edits” in order to get it ready by the end of the year. The report will be an “on-line” only report – available on the CEEIN website. He plans to mail out a draft by December 2 nd . Note: The next item was discussed later in the meeting. Kay suggested that CEEIN consider distributing the new brochure to all COSA outdoor schools (County Office of Education sponsored outdoor schools). She recently contacted the COSA chair, Debra Hetrick, and found out that approximately 5000 teachers participate annually. Kathy will check to see if DOC may be able to do the next printing to accommodate this activity.
	Administration & Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnership language update.	Tom	Tom brought forth the final draft of the partnership language that included reference to CDE’s requirements for social content

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			standards. The CEEIN members present were asked for final comments and none were noted. Members voted to accept description of CEEIN “partnerships”. Tom will forward the partnership language for posting on the CEEIN website.
	Diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CABE conferences JCEC and environmental justice 	Kay and Vanessa	<p>Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection has paid for two booths at the California Association for Bilingual Education Conference, March 1–4, 2006, in San José. CEEIN members will be recruited to staff the booths.</p> <p>The JCEC database from 2003–04 was sent to DTSC to identify locations of teachers who submitted pledges, and see if there’s participation by EJ communities. DTSC is currently revamping its databases and will very likely finish this project by the beginning of 2006.</p> <p>Clarification of how EJ communities are defined was discussed. Vanessa noted that income and extent of the minority population base were the basic criteria. She noted that this program can be used to analyze other data involving educational projects.</p>
	Environmentality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCEC update 	Sue Sims, Celeste Royer, Laurie Monserrat	Over 1,000 classes have enrolled to take the pledge and 80 have signed up to do the class project. The CREEC network will follow up on the 80 teachers to assist them in anyway to insure a successful experience and motivate them to carry the project to completion. A discussion of the JCEC hotline concluded that Sue Sims will serve as the backup when Laurie Monserrat is not available. Other items shared were that the JCEC project evaluations will begin in early 2006. Evaluation of the projects will be more comprehensive with the use of the new criteria and judges will be provided an orientation session. Sue thanked everyone for sharing their JCEC outreach and marketing efforts. Kris asked CEEIN members to keep a record of the number of requests for information received by each agency. Based on the discussion, it was agreed that CEEIN members would send Sue Sims notice of any requests for materials stemming from the JCEC teachers, and she will compile this information for Kris
4.	What’s New In Your World? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements (Major) 	Annie Pauline Kay Kathleen	<p>Coastal Commission is updating their “on-line” pledge. They are investigating “simpler” giveaways for participating classrooms and individuals.</p> <p>The Waste Board’s School DEEL program is completed. All publications are posted on their website. The grantee web pages (describing their involvement) are also linked.</p> <p>Project Learning Tree (national program) hosted a school event in Los Angeles featuring the release of a new children’s book written by one of the Rolling Stones who is also a Tree Farmer. Several large “GreenWorks” grants will be awarded to LA area schools next year. Kay shared North American Association for EE membership applications</p> <p>Kathy announced that Tina Muncie will be taking over representing DOC. She will focus her attention to the new grades 4-6 Recycle Rex shows and be on the road more.</p>

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5.	Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items (see separate action items list*) Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop November Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 		Items for January Agenda (Host—Carolyn Tucker): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolyn to contact Phil La Fontaine for presentation at January's meeting(CDE)

CEEIN Meeting
November 17, 2005
Meeting Evaluation Summary

- Overall rating: **4.4** (based on a scale of 1 to 5, 5 being high) (7 evaluations submitted)

What went well

- Get more outside EE related speakers
- Very good meeting
- Loved the presentation, thank you
- Well-focused; interesting reports
- Timely, good info sharing
- Speaker and facilitator